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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Cardonald Area Partnership

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Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund – Update Report

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Fund for year 2021/22 and to seek approval for allocations for year 2022/23.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report and to approve the use of the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund

1. Introduction

1.1 The Glasgow City Council allocated £3 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces over 2021/22 & 2022/23. This report is to provide members an update on each allocated project within the ward and to advise on any further steps to be taken.

1.2 It should be noted that 328 projects have been approved on an ongoing basis since year 1 of this fund. Whilst the Service is placing focus on delivering these within desired timescales, these will be subject to resource pressures within the Service, alongside daily operational requirements. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate, to support community empowerment and local capacity building.

2. Summary

2.1 The following table provides an update on projects allocated within the ward for year 2021/22:

2021/22

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Rosshall Park	Works Completed: Hard prune of rhododendron Hard prune of Laurel to ground and eco plugged Cleaned/removed silt and detritus from pond base Reduced lilies from pond surface Tidied island and hard cut back Flail cut veg at lawn edge and exposed ornamental stone work Exposed some path surfaces	£30,000	Works complete. An underspend of £6486 was noted as part of an earlier report, with remaining budget reallocated Rosshall Park Gates- the figure listed in the 'budget allocated column has been adjusted to reflect this.
Rosshall Park	Refurbish existing gates and pillar and associated vegetation management	£8486	The figure listed in the 'budget allocated column has been adjusted to reflect the reallocation noted above. The service is currently engaging with contractors to confirm the extent of

			works within allocated budget. Update on timescales to follow.
Penilee Park	Refurbishment of play area	£23,945	Timeline for works to be shared once all materials delivered. An allocation of £25,000 has been made from the Play Area Renewal Fund.
Penilee Park	Refurbishment of community garden	£3298	Works to renew and replace timber features completed, and funds fully expended

2.2 The following table provides options for use of Local Parks and Open Spaces funding, as well as the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund:

2022/23

Location	**Proposal**	**Proposed Budget Allocation**
Corkerhill Play Area	An allocation of £54,200 has been made from the 2024/25 Play Area Renewal Fund, with the objective of bringing this location up to Excellent through addition of Accessible and Inclusive features. The Service intends to conduct further local engagement with park users to seek their views on park enhancements, including; Renewal of play equipment, Signage, Fencing, Path improvements. The Service will seek to publicise an online survey to gain local views on how best funds are allocated. It is anticipated this engagement work would be undertaken from Jan 24.	Local Parks and Open Space Fund – **£30,000** Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund - **£45,800**
Mosspark Play Area	An allocation of £54,200 has been made from the 2025/26 Play Area Renewal Fund, with the objective of bringing the two play areas at this location up to Good and Excellent through addition of Accessible and Inclusive features.	Local Parks and Open Space Fund – **£15,500** Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund - **£55,200**

	There remains the opportunity to enhance the scope of this works through the NIF- a budget has been suggested based on comparable projects undertaken elsewhere in recent years. This service would propose to carry out the works in one phase, once all funding is available, in order to achieve best value from contractors- there are opportunities for the community to undertake engagement activity in the interim period. The Service intends to conduct further local engagement with park users to seek their views on park enhancements, including; Renewal of play equipment, Signage, Fencing, Path improvements. Officers are aware of the interest from the Community Council and will be liaising with the group to seek their views on how best to engage with local stakeholders.	
Hartlaw Crescent	An allocation of £25,000 has been made from the 2024/25 Play Area Renewal Fund, with the objective of maintaining this play area in fair condition. It is noted that opportunities to increase provision at this location, and to add inclusive and accessible features (such as may be considered when scoring sites as Fair, Good or Excellent), may be constrained by the site topography. There remains the opportunity to enhance the scope of this works through the NIF- a budget has been suggested based on comparable projects undertaken elsewhere in recent years. This service would propose to carry out the works in one phase, once all funding is available, in order to achieve best value from contractors- there are opportunities for the community to	Local Parks and Open Space Fund – **£14,000** Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund - **£91,000**

	undertake engagement activity in the interim period. The Service intends to conduct further local engagement with park users to seek their views on park enhancements. Views will be sought on the potential to relocate play equipment to improve accessibility, as currently the site is extremely limiting for users with additional accessibility needs or those with bikes, scooters or buggies. The Service will seek to publicise an online survey to gain local views on how best funds are allocated and will contact the local school in doing so. It is anticipated this engagement work would be undertaken from Jan 24.	

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report